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Answer to your recent note concerning the patent application 09/647,300, Art Unit 2655, Examiner Daniel Demelash Abebe

This is an answer to your previous note related to the International application PCT/IB00/00189, US National stage 09/647,300, Art Unit 2655, Examiner Daniel Demelash Abebe.

- About the patent application RO-C99-00214 that the examiner cannot locate: according to my knowledge, a copy of it was transmitted to you by the PCT office in Geneva (please verify the documents transmitted to you from PCT IB in Geneva).
- I also attach an Information disclosure statement filled with the changes that you recommended in your previous note. I actually attach several versions since I was not sure about different interpretations of your markings in the previous note.
- The description and claims were numbered and reformatted with double space.
- The two markups (on page 5 respectively 6) were reversed to the previous version. There was no markup on page 10. A substitute specification with amendments is submitted. The reference to the parent application is also added in the beginning of the specification. Both a clean and a marked-up version are included, 37 CFR 1.125(b)(2), 37 CFR 1.125(c).
- An amendment was made to each claim, by canceling and representing/rewriting it. The formulation of the claims was done in the specified one sentence form. The translation is improved by correcting some mentioned spelling, grammar, and idiomatic errors. I put an effort to make sure that the description in claims is explicite and definite. Complex techniques are by definition difficult to understand, and I tried to clarify it as much as possible while removing narrations.

Statement conforming 37 CFR 1.125(b)(1) *The substitute specification contains*

*no new matter.*

I thank you in advance

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